

Carolyn Bryant Donham: The Face of White Privilege and the Original “Karen”.



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It happened this week, the white woman who accused Black teenage Emmett Till for supposed making improper advances towards her before he was lynched in 1955 Mississippi, died in Hospice Care in Louisiana died at age 88.



Emmett Till and Carolyn Bryant Donham

Carolyn Byrant Donham was the one who gotten Emmett Till lynched for a crime he did not commit but wrongly accused simply because he was a black

teenager just being friendly, which seems to be harmless for being friendly. But during the Jim Crow South, whistling or making certain remarks to white people, especially white women is a no-no.

Emmett's mother probably gave him warning of the way of life of any black life in the Jim Crow South. The way of life in the south is full of terrible things that is done to blacks during that time which was criminally and morally wrong.

It was Till's cousin that filed a federal lawsuit against the current Leflore County, Mississippi sheriff and seeking to compel him to serve a warrant on kidnapping charges that was issued for Donham in 1955 but never served it.

Emmett had no justice but died an unforgiving, senseless, slow death so inhumane until he wasn't recognizable by anyone else but his mother.

Emmett's face was photographed and published in various magazines as Emmett's dismantled and disfigured face was shown in an open casket because his mother wanted to let the world see what they had done to her son.



Emmett Till's Funeral

Looking at his picture can either make you angry or sad but who'll be able to blame why Emmett's face had to be shown. It could even be a way for white folks to send a message to black folks what would happen to you when you cross the line, even the racial line.

2023 and the story about of Emmett Till is still being told even after it is unfortunate that the accuser has outlived the one who was murdered for a crime where he was accused of. Till was 14 years old and Donham was 21 years old at the time of his murder.

As for Carolyn Bryant Donham there will be no flags flying at half mast, no television special or an old out interview, no tears to shed but just a reminder of how this woman made trouble for this young black accusing him of "making a pass" at her simply because she was part of the white privileged association.

Donham was the “original Karen”, making trouble as long she gets what she wants because of you guessed it, “white privileged” and she had to live not serving not one day in prison or being convicted of a crime that was committed by white zealous men with an ax to grind on this 14-year-old who loss his life for being black during the time of Jim Crow in the deep south.

This writer has no hatred towards Donham but, hated what she did to ruin the life a young man where his life didn’t matter to her or any white person in the Jim Crow era, but it was unfortunate, it was the color of his skin that did matter to her or the ones who murdered him in the first place.

In the meantime, let’s pray that there will be no more lynchings anywhere and of anymore in the deep south that was once was the Jim Crow era or any era that is.

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